

# Parent Bulletin



**KING EDWARD VI  
LORDSWOOD  
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

## Monday 21st October- Friday 25th October 2024

### Week B

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### Upcoming dates

Date	Event
Monday 21st October 2024	Careers Advisor in School Year 11 MFL Mock Speaking Exam
Tuesday 22nd October 2024	Year 9 Forward Thinking- Subject Taster Day YEAR 7 & Year 8 Halloween Party (3pm-5pm) Year 12 Geography Trip- Lapworth Geology Museum Year 11 Mock Speaking Exams KS4 School Council Meeting Year 7 Reading Buddies (Library Registration)
Wednesday 23rd October 2024	Year 11 MFL Mock Speaking Exams Year 7 Settling in Evening Year 11 Curriculum Evening (5pm-6pm) Sixth Form Halloween Movie Night
Thursday 24th October 2024	Year 11 MFL Speaking Exams

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Friday 25th October 2024	Year 11 MFL Mock Speaking Exams

## Thankyou

I just wanted to say a massive thankyou for all the well wishes whilst I was off school. I am so pleased to have been able to return to school so soon. Please pass on my thanks to all the students who have been so kind and considerate this week - it really does remind me why being in education is the best job in the world!

Mrs Cooney

## Ofqual Consultation

The Department for Education (DfE) has confirmed its decision on the arrangements for GCSE Maths, Physics and Combined Science for exams in 2025, 2026 and 2027. Students taking these subject qualifications in 2025, 2026 and 2027 will not need to memorise the usual formulae and equations. Year 11 students will therefore be given the formulae sheets for the forthcoming mock examinations.

## Year 7 Art Ambassadors

Congratulations to the newly appointed Year 7 Arts Ambassadors who will represent the arts in school and at various Hippodrome events this year.

Rayne C 7D

Lilly C 7D

Sienna U 7S

Brhyanna K 7L

Please pass on my thanks to everyone who expressed their interest. It was a very difficult decision.

If they were not successful at this stage, do not worry as there will be other events they can get involved with throughout the year.

The first meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd October in 017 at 1.15pm.

Mrs Swallow

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## Y11 Science Live! enrichment trip

The science department has organised a trip to Birmingham symphony hall for GCSE science live on Monday 27th January 2025.

GCSE science live provides 6 short lectures from science specialists. Students will get the chance to see and hear from five of Britain's top scientists, all working at the cutting edge of their specialisms. There will also be a session from an experienced science examiner sharing their top tips on GCSE science examination success.

The cost of the trip will be £27.50. This is to cover ticket costs and transport to the event. Places are limited to 50 students, therefore places will be allocated to the first 50 students to return the permission forms.

Ms Blackwood

## Free Webinar to all parents re 'Essential Online Safety Tips'

Get Safe Online has been delivering online safety awareness across a number of countries around the world, working with local governmental bodies and partners to ensure individuals, communities and small businesses are safer online.

'Essential Online Safety Tips' will take place on **Tuesday 22nd October at 12 noon.**

To register, please visit:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_8NYH0V9sSQ-zO8rOifSFXw](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8NYH0V9sSQ-zO8rOifSFXw)

Our Get Safe Online expert, Liz Stanton, MBE will run the session online for an hour, during which time you will have the opportunity to listen to her advice and raise questions about online safety. Places are limited.

## What is cuckooing?

As a school we are often made aware of arising issues across the country. One such concern is something called 'cuckooing' and whilst the main target may not be students, it is an issue that might affect people within our school community.

So, what is meant by 'cuckooing' and who could be at risk?

Cuckooing involves a criminal taking over the home of a vulnerable person, in order to establish a base for illegal activity. This might be sex work, drug dealing or gun dealing.

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Often cuckooing is part of larger operation, such as a county-lines organisation. It can include the storage of illegal items such as hard drives with prohibited data, firearms, knives and narcotics. Frequently this involves the financial, physical, mental and emotional abuse of the vulnerable resident.

Who might be at risk of cuckooing?

- People with previous experience of abuse.
- People who are isolated or experience social difficulties.
- People with a physical or learning disability or mental ill health.
- People who have previously been in care.
- People who are battling addiction.
- People with connections with others who are involved in gangs.

What are some of the signs of Cuckooing at a property?

You might notice:

- An increase in people visiting and leaving and an increase in vehicles outside.
- Visitors coming and going at unusual times.
- You haven't seen the person who lives there in a while or when you do see them, they appear anxious or distracted.
- The person has a sudden unexplained increase in money, clothes or mobile phones.
- The person has relationships with controlling people or groups.
- The person has unexplained injuries and worrying changes in their emotional health.
- A sudden lack of healthcare visitors.

If you have come into contact with someone who you suspect may be a victim of modern slavery and in need of help, phone the Salvation Army's free 24/7 confidential referral helpline: 0800 808 3733.

Source: <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/modern-slavery/cuckooing>